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County bosses tight-lipped over fate of Glenburn pitch

Report by **Henry James**

THE Champion has been met with silence from Lancashire County Council over the future of the £650,000 'Activ8' facilities at the former Glenburn Sports College.

We contacted them on Monday, August 15 to ask them what is happening to the popular site after angry members of community sports teams said they were closed, but have yet to receive a reply.

The Champion also contacted Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the cabinet member for schools, but he too has yet to respond.

Activ8 was set up in 2010 to allow the community to use the 'first class facilities' at Glenburn – including a state-of-the-art 3G floodlit astroturf 11-a-side pitch.

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FUNDING CRISIS AT WOMEN'S REFUGE

Future of West Lancs centre hangs in the balance after council chiefs propose cuts

Report by **Henry James**

THE future of West Lancashire Women's Refuge is hanging in the balance as a result of County Council spending cuts.

Funding from Lancashire County Council - the £10 million 'Supporting People' fund - is used to staff the nine refuges in the county.

In having to make £262 million of budget cuts, - County chiefs have proposed ending this funding for the centres. Together with other recently announced council cuts, West Lancashire's Women's Refuge, known as The Liberty Centre, now faces the threat of closure, it is claimed..

In response to the 'dire situation' bosses at The Liberty Centre, which is based in Skelmersdale and also has a drop-in centre in Ormskirk, have started a petition to fight for its future. The petition makes an appeal to Lancashire County Council to 'review their decision to withdraw funding for all nine refuges in Lancashire.'

It continues... "we want Lancashire County Council to reconsider their position and look again at keeping funding available for these vital services."

Chief executive at The Liberty Centre, Eleanor Maddocks said: "We have been in West Lancashire for 30 years and it will be very sad if we have to close because of the cuts.

" If refuges are to close where are women going to go if it is not safe where they are living through domestic abuse. One woman is murdered every three days in this country because of domestic abuse. I am calling on Lancashire County Council to review the situation. I would appeal to people to go onto the website at change.org and sign our petition."

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Uncertain future: Eleanor Maddocks, (CEO of The Liberty Centre), Padmini Athma (admin officer) Andy Bennett (supporting male victims) Maureen Fazal (vice chair) ponder their next move.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper says the announcement comes at a time when the government is looking to reduce the housing benefit payments for those in supported living. She has recently attended a Commons debate on the issue. She said victims fleeing domestic violence often rely on these housing benefit payments to cover the cost of renting a room in a women's refuge giving them safety and sanctuary.

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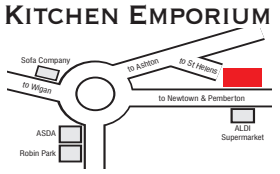

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Literary themed talks at Hobnob coffee club

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Hobnob secretary, Julia Woolgar, said: "Great literature connects people and reading aloud brings stories to life!

"On August 24, we will have a shared reading of The Doll's House by Katherine Mansfield. On September 14 we will have the opportunity for everyone to share their favourite poems and on September 28, we will look at the history of traditional tales, nursery rhymes and limericks."

Council wave the flag for seafarers

WEST Lancs council chiefs will fly a unique flag next month to raise awareness of the UK's dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers.

West Lancashire Borough Council will fly the Red Ensign on the flagstaff outside the council offices on Derby Street in Ormskirk, at 10am on Friday, September 2 – national Merchant Navy Day,

Members of the public are welcome to go along the ceremony, which will be attended by Cllr Liz Savage, Mayor of West Lancashire; Cllr Ian Moran, Leader of West Lancashire Borough Council; The Council's Armed Forces Champion Cllr Terry Devine; the Mayor's Chaplain, Fr Godric Timney, and senior Council officers.

The Council is supporting a nationwide call from the Seafarers UK charity and the Merchant Navy Association for the Merchant Navy's official flag to be flown on public buildings and landmark flagstaffs.

The Red Ensign flag will be flown outside the council offices

'The UK owes a debt of gratitude to the seafarers and the flag raising is an opportunity for us all to pay tribute'

Cllr Liz Savage said: "I am delighted the Council has been given the opportunity to recognise the Merchant Navy by flying the Red Ensign. The UK owes a debt of gratitude to the seafarers and the flag raising is an opportunity for us all to pay tribute to the work that they do."

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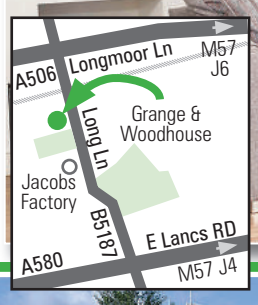

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Lydia Hobson

Lydia shakes up performance at crisp factory

PEPSICO bosses have had some advice on how to improve the efficiency of their Walkers crisp factory at Skelmersdale... from a 22 year-old Edge Hill IT graduate.

Lydia Hobson graduated with first class honours, receiving the Lisa Ratcliffe Study Prize in recognition of having achieved the Highest Mark among Arts and Sciences graduates, and the Hazel Richardson Study Prize for achieving the highest overall average mark of any Arts and Sciences graduate.

Just before the start of her final year, Lydia's tutors approached her about an opportunity to work with PepsiCo instead of doing a traditional dissertation. The project focused on investigating, and making recommendations to improve the production line at PepsiCo's Snack Factory in Skelmersdale.

She said: "As part of a £2.5m project, three machines were installed in the factory. Although the machinery worked, the expected benefits weren't meeting expectations. My role was to investigate the issues with the new machinery and the set-up tool PepsiCo used to configure the factory, and then make recommendations which would improve the performance of the factory.

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"I visited the factory frequently, conducting interviews, observing processes, and conducting data analysis. The output of the project was a 9,000 word document which was sent to PepsiCo containing my research findings and 14 recommendations to improve factory performance.

"Although the project was intense, I was delighted to find out that I achieved an average of 90% for the research project module. My experience working with PepsiCo was extremely rewarding as I was able to work on a live project and consequently make a positive impact on a real business."

Lydia, from Maghull, plans to commence her Masters in Computing at Edge Hill in September, and possibly complete either a Graduate Scheme or a PhD in the future.

Young trespassers warned to stay away from quarry

Report by **Henry James**

The young people attempting to enter the grounds of East Quarry in Appley Bridge

SKELMERSDALE Police have had to issue another warning about the dangers of trespassing at a West Lancashire quarry site.

Officers were forced to put out the appeal after they caught teenagers climbing over a high spiked metal fence with barbed wire in order to enter East Quarry in Appley Bridge, to go swimming during last week's hot weather.

Police posted pictures of the failed attempt by teenagers on Facebook.

In a bid to clear youngsters from the site, a police helicopter has been mobilised several times in recent weeks. But despite the police activity and repeated warning, the youngsters continue to swim in the quarry. In April 2015, teenager Miracle Godson, from Wigan, who was a talented rugby league player, drowned at East Quarry. Miracle, who could not swim, had jumped into the icy cold waters with his friends.

> 'To the parents out there, if your children are leaving the house with water lilo's, towels and a change of clothes please ask where they are going.'

Referring to the pictures on the Skelmersdale Police Facebook page, PCSO Dave Benson said: "Hope you have been enjoying the fine weather, unfortunately some people still don't understand that swimming in East Quarry is both not a good idea and also civil trespass.

"For some reason this group either couldn't read the sign or chose to ignore both it and the spiked metal fence, until it cut into their shins that is!

"Can I once again ask that people don't enter East Quarry at Appley Bridge (or any open water) as it is very dangerous as numerous people have found out, some with very tragic outcomes.

"To the parents out there, if your children are leaving the house with water lilo's, towels and a change of clothes please ask where they are going."

Police are currently patrolling the area around the quarry to prevent people gaining entry.

PCSO Benson added: "Three of my colleagues and I have been patrolling around East Quarry and the train station.

"Also Lancashire Fire and Rescue are going to show a presence thanks to a call from us. We will also be contacting British Transport Police to get their assistance."

East Quarry, Appley Bridge

MP demands action to help Ashurst flood victims

Rosie Cooper MP and Ashurst resident Iain Bibby

ASHURST residents who were effected by the damage and destruction caused by the floods in June, have been visited by West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper.

The floods left one resident living in a caravan, and an 81-year-old resident having to dispose of his belongings.

A combination of excess water from a culvert running down from Ashurst Beacon and blocked grids forced the water on to a former children's playground, which then overflowed down on to the residential estate.

Residents described to Ms Cooper how the play area was filled with six feet of foul water containing raw sewage.

In trying to stop the flooding residents built a makeshift dam out of scrap wood - the only line of defence between the residents of Long Hey and the pool of filthy water building up behind their properties.

Neighbours had to help an 81-year-old council tenant whose home was flooded load his damaged belongings into a skip.

Following the visit the MP said: "It was absolutely dreadful to see first-hand how residents' homes had been utterly devastated by the flood waters.

"Forced out of their homes. Possessions, some of sentimental value and irreplaceable, being thrown in a skip.

"It is simply appalling what these residents have had to endure through no fault of their own. Still when they turn to the responsible authorities there is little help tackling the problem or support in the clean-up.

"Every time there is a flooding incident it only highlights the lack of meaningful leadership in responding and supporting local residents in their time of need.

"I have raised my concerns following the visit with each of the relevant authorities. We have to find a way to really help residents."

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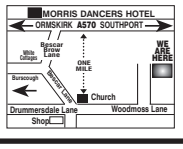

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MP welcomes work to improve run down hospital entrance

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

CAMPAIGNERS have welcomed works to improve accessibility at one of the entrances to Southport and Formby District General Hospital.

The planned improvements came following complaints West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper received from visitors to the site about the poor condition and lighting on the path leading from the bus stop on Scarisbrick New Road.

The pathway is regularly used by people as a shortcut to get to Scarisbrick New Road and since the revised 385 bus route cut out its journey down Town Lane, it is the only easy means of accessing the hospital by patients and visitors from West Lancashire.

MP Cooper began receiving complaints in October 2015 following the decision by Arriva to move its bus stop from the hospital's front entrance to the road leading to the side entrance, and has written regularly to the hospital's management for updates on a solution.

Following an investigation into who owns the land, sparked by the West Lancashire MP's intervention, the hospital has now begun work to install new street lighting and improve accessibility, including for disabled patients.

The run down entrance to Southport Hospital

> 'Trust has listened to the concerns of residents'

However, she has also raised concerns with the hospital over the distance that patients – especially the disabled and elderly – who travel by bus will need to walk to get to the front entrance whilst the side entrance is closed during the period of works. Rosie Cooper said: "I am pleased that the hospital trust has listened to the concerns of residents and taken action to improve the accessibility of the side entrance.

"It is important that patients who rely on public transport are able to confidently use the path leading from the bus stop, especially during the winter months when it is dark and the current lack of street lighting is a real issue.

"I have also written to the trust management to raise my concerns around the extra distance these patients will need to walk whilst this work is taking place and await their response."

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Funding crisis at Women's Refuge

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She commented: "Making cuts to these housing benefits will heap further financial pressure on refuges that are already collapsing under the strain of government spending cuts to local authorities forcing them to remove funding, essential to keep the refuge doors open."

She added: "The government talks about its commitment to protecting the victims of domestic violence. Talk is all it does it seems.

"In cutting funding to local authorities and cutting welfare support to victims of domestic violence the government's actions on domestic violence tell a different story.

"These refuges, including West Lancashire Women's Refuge, offer a safe place and an escape to many women and their children in West Lancashire.

"On the housing benefits for supported living, the minister offered a review. By the time this review is complete the refuges will have closed their doors for the final time. Government needs to commit to protecting this support for some of the most vulnerable in our communities.

"The consequences of losing the refuges and the lack of an alternative really does not bear thinking about.

'This is a backwards step in tackling domestic violence'

" It puts women back in harm's way, with the threat of abuse and violence. This is a backwards step in tackling domestic violence in Britain in 2016."

On the West Lancashire Women's Refuge petition campaign, MP Rosie Cooper said: "I've put my name to the petition. I would strongly urge everyone in West Lancashire who believes in protecting victims of domestic violence from harm to put their name to this petition too."

A spokesperson for Lancashire County Council said: "The county council faces an unprecedented financial challenge meaning it must make savings of £200m by 2020/21. This has been caused by cuts in Government funding and rising demand for our services

"One of the proposals that formed part of the council's budget was to reduce the non-statutory part of the Supporting People service.

"No decision has been made, however we have run a consultation on the proposals and established a cabinet working group to consider the results.

"The county council's cabinet will make a final decision in September once the results of the consultation and the recommendations of the working group have been published."

County Council will make final decision on Active8 sports facility

From Page One

West Lancashire Borough Council had some informal discussions with Lancashire County Council at the start of 2016 over the community sports facilities (Activ8) at Glenburn Sports College. A spokesman for the council commented: "The site belongs to the County Council and it is for them to make decisions on the facilities there.

"We have asked the county if the community sports facilities are financially sustainable and could be operated independently from the school.

"We have not received any answers to those questions and only if we are happy with those answers would we consider looking to work with our leisure trust partners on managing the sports facilities on a short-term basis.

"Even then it would still be far from certain that the council and its leisure trust partners would take on managing the facilities.

"At a time when this council has seen its main Revenue Support Grant cut by more than 50% by central government we would be unable to bear any additional costs in running the facility."

Lathom war horses set to be honoured

A horse and solider from WW1 in Lathom

A THREE-MILE walk is being held to commemorate the thousands of horses that were trained in Lathom for the First World War.

Walkers can meet at Ormskirk Station at 10.30am this Saturday (August 27).

Lathom Park Trust chairman Paul Kenyon said: "The walk will commemorate the thousands of horses which arrived at Ormskirk Station during World War One to be trained at the Lathom Park Remount Depot for war.

"The walk is three and a half miles long leaving Ormskirk Station through the country lanes of Lathom and ending at the historic Lathom Park Chapel which was built in 1500 by the first Earl of Derby, where tea and home made cakes will be served for a small donation.

"Along the way a local historian will be pointing out features and talking about them."

This year's walk is organised by Freshfield Animal Sanctuary and a small donation to them would be welcomed.

Future music stars' chance to perform at Skem Hubfest

Allan Brophy (shown far left) with local musicians ready for Hubfest

Report by **Henry James**

MUSICIANS are being given the chance to perform at an acoustic stage at Skelmersdale's Concourse as part of an event being organised by a not for profit company over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Skem Creative Hub, which is based on the Gillibrands industrial estate of the town, are behind Skem Creative Hubfest, which will take place on Saturday, August 27.

The West Square will be transformed into the main acoustic stage and the fun event, which starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm, will include musicians including Chris Pate, from Skem Creative Hub, as well as a variety of other local Skelmersdale musicians, right throughout the day.

The festival has been organised in conjunction with the Skem Creative Hub, a creative community group that provides arts, music, dance and performance provision for young people who are vulnerable or at risk of drifting into crime and anti social behaviour.

Gary Mitchell, centre manager, said: "This promises to be a fun day for our shoppers and we're very much looking forward to showcasing local musical talent. It's the first time we've hosted something like this and we are thrilled to work with the Skem Creative hub, which does fantastic work in the town. We hope it will be the first of many events."

One of the organisers, Allan Brophy, who was also behind SkemFest, said: "Since the success of SkemFest and the negative press surrounding Grayson Perry's channel4 tv programme All man; the town has become somewhat active with community spirit, local groups are starting to pull in the same direction for the common good, groups such as Celebrate Skelmersdale are working hard to promote the good things that are happening in and around our little corner of Lancashire."

Performers, volunteers, sponsors and any other interested individuals or groups should contact Gary: 07852 416563.

The message posted by Skelmersdale firefighters

Fire crews go to great lengths for Team GB tribute

SKELMERSDALE Firefighters have paid tribute to the country's women's field hockey team who took Gold in the Olympics by beating the Netherlands in a penalty shoot-out.

Skelmersdale Firefighters posted a picture on Twitter with Team GB spelled out with hoses.

They also wrote the following message: "Well done @_gbhockey yrs of hard work are rewarded. Fantastic example of #Teamwork@teamgb #Rio2016."

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Students from across borough celebrate A Level exam successes

STUDENTS from across West Lancashire received their A Level results last Thursday.

There was delight and relief on the faces of many students and staff at Ormskirk School on Thursday morning when this year's results were released.

Headteacher John Doyle commented: "Firstly it is only right that I should congratulate students and staff on their achievements.

"We are in the middle of an unprecedented change in A Level subject matter and assessment which has been a huge challenge to staff and students.

"A significant plank in that reform is the removal of opportunities for multiple re-sits of examinations and the fact that students' pass rate actually increased (only three examinations were failed of the 300 that were entered) is very pleasing.

"Also pleasing was the increase in the proportion of high grades since 2015.

"Nearly 20% of our examination entries were graded at either A* or A which was 5% higher than last year.

"Some of our most able students produced remarkable results which will allow them to pass onto some highly competitive courses at Russell Group universities.

"A growing feature of our Sixth Form is the steadily growing number of students who are taking advantage of the vocational courses we offer.

"I congratulate the students on these courses, particularly the large number (more than 40% of entries) that were graded at the highest Distinction* grade.

"It is fitting that in the midst of Team GB's success in the Rio Olympics the attributes of hard work, organisation, attention to detail and following the guidance of careful coaching that have proved so successful for our athletes have also ensured that many of our students are able to exceed their own personal best and achieve great things. Well done to them."

Report by **Henry James**

Pupils at Ormskirk School celebrate their A Level results

Mayor Coun Liz Savage chats to unit manager Karen Wareing (right) and Matron Shirley Coward when she visited the Neo-natal department at Ormsirk hospital

Mayor enjoys a tour of hospital's neo-natal unit

THE MAYOR of West Lancashire enjoyed a tour around Ormkirk Hospital's Neo-Natal Unit.

Councillor Liz Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney, visited the unit to speak to staff and see for herself the working of the unit.

She was given an explanation of the vital work undertaken at the centre by unit manager Karen Wareing and matron Shirley Coward.

It is one of the four charities which the Mayor will fundraise for during her year in office – the others being the Artz Centre in Birch Green, The Civic (formerly Ormskirk Civic Hall) and the Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale.

County Cllr welcomes publication of new Hate Crime Action Plan

SKELMERSDALE County Councillor and cabinet lead for community safety, Cllr Julie Gibson, has welcomed the publication of the new Hate Crime Action Plan, published by Home Secretary Amber Rudd MP.

The new plan covers all forms of hate crime including xenophobic attacks.

Councillor Gibson said: "Lancashire County Council recently placed on record its commitment to being a tolerant and inclusive County in a motion moved by myself at Full Council and passed unanimously.

"I welcome the Government's renewed determination to continue to tackle this issue."

A hate crime is any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on or perception of a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or whether a person is or is perceived to be transgender.

Cllr Gibson said: "New measures in the Plan include specific actions to target the night time economy, instances of hate crime on public transport and a new £2.4m fund for protective security measures at vulnerable faith institutions."

She added: "The difference with this plan is that it not only sets out to tackle hate crime, but to look at what causes people to commit such a crime in the first place."

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Ballot gives young people chance to 'make their mark'

Report by **Henry James**

A BALLOT that gives young people in the borough the chance to have their say on what issues are discussed at a special session of the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) at the House of Commons is now underway.

The ballot, called Make Your Mark, was launched on August 12 and will run until Wednesday, October 5.

Votes can be cast online and through ballot papers issued in schools and youth centres by young people aged between 11 and 18. The result will influence what topics are debated by the Youth Parliament at the session in the House of Commons on Friday, November 11, 2016.

Emily Holt, one of Lancashire's elected Members of the Youth Parliament, said: "Young people now have a great opportunity to input to government choices and decisions that will affect our lives.

"I think it is really important that all young people use their vote and say what really matters to them.

"Just by putting a cross in a box for the issues that are the most important to them, a young person is having an influence of local and government policy with a national campaign and year-long consideration by the Youth Select Committee.

"The ballot is now open and I would urge young people to use their vote."

Local Members of the Youth Parliament are working with schools, colleges, youth groups and voluntary groups in their districts to encourage young people to get involved.

There are ten topics on the Make Your Mark ballot paper for young people to choose from.

The five most popular topics will be discussed by MYP's in their House of Commons debate, chaired by John Bercow, speaker of the House of Commons and broadcast live on BBC Parliament.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

Last year, the Make Your Mark ballot surveyed the opinions of over 37,000 young people in Lancashire. This was 5,000 more than in the previous year.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Last year, young people in Lancashire posted more votes than anywhere else in the country, and I'm hoping for similar enthusiasm this time.

"This is an extremely effective way of young people making their voices loud enough to be heard.

"The ballot is now open, and I hope as many young people as possible take part."

The five main issues of concern for Lancashire's young people last year were mental health, tackling racism and discrimination, transport, the Curriculum for Life and the Living Wage.

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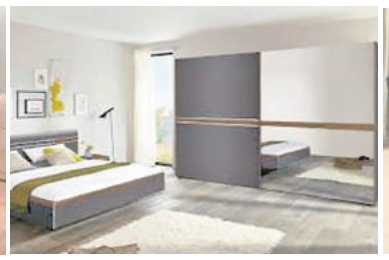

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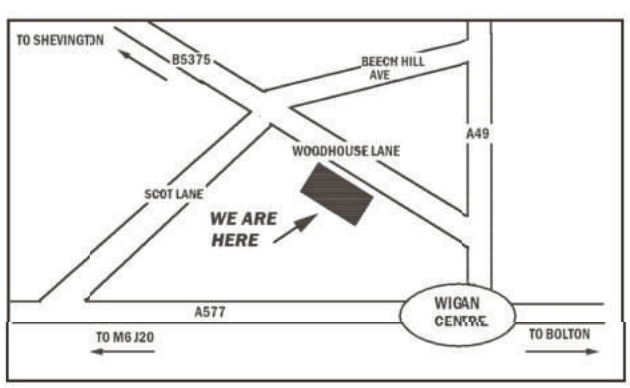

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By **Danielle Thompson**

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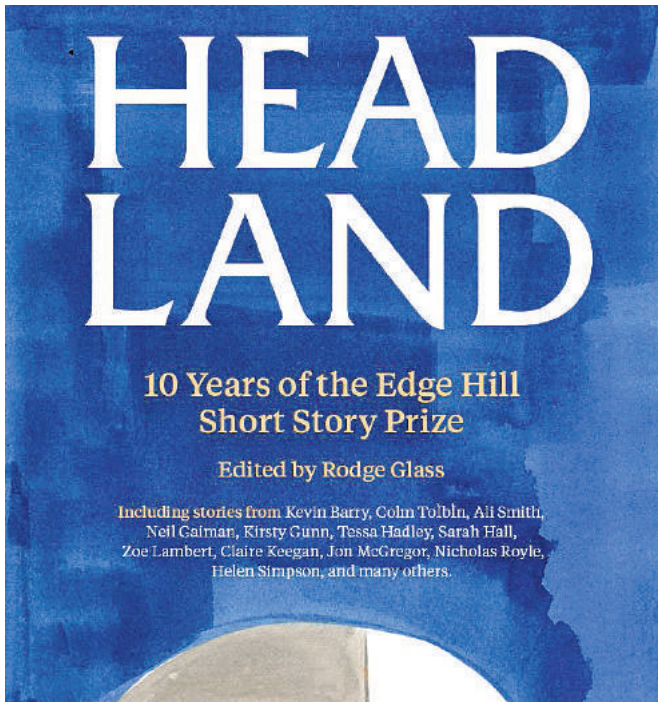
Rodge Glass, co-director of the Edge Hill University Press said that it is an honour to launch a book that showcases outstanding UK and Irish literary talent at one of the biggest book festivals in the world.

He said: "This time last year the Edge Hill University Press was just an idea. Twelve months later, we have our first publication, one that we're incredibly proud of. A glance down the list of contributors to this book highlights the sheer talent of writers across the UK and Ireland, and Head Land is all about spreading the word about this strong, growing tradition.

"There's no better platform than the Edinburgh International Book Festival to celebrate both the new Edge Hill University Press and Head Land itself. The Festival is one of the very finest of its kind in the world. It's where writers and readers come to explore the best in contemporary literature, and to find new literature to love."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Head Land will be launched at the Edinburgh International Book Festival

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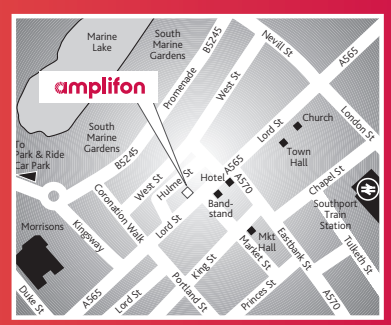

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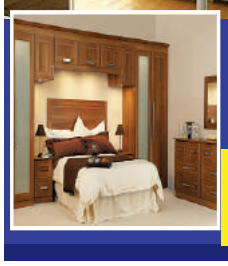

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Nine year old boy out of intensive care after crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a collision close to Scarisbrick which has left a nine-year-old in hospital.

Police were called around 7.40pm on Thursday, August 18 to Southport Road (A570) near Hurlston Hall Golf Club following reports of an accident.

A black Volkswagen Polo traveling eastbound was involved in a collision with a BMW car traveling towards Southport.

A nine-year-old boy, a passenger in the Polo, suffered serious head and neck injuries and was taken by air ambulance to Alder Hey Children's Hospital for treatment. His condition was critical, however he is now out of intensive care but he is still described as "very poorly".

The driver of the BMW, a 32-year-old woman from Ormskirk, suffered a punctured lung, broken ribs, a broken elbow and broken forearm and was taken to Aintree Hospital for treatment.

The road was closed for four hours while accident investigators attended the scene.

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward following the collision.

The A570 Southport Road between Ormskirk and Scarisbrick

Report by **Henry James**

Sgt Pat Worden, from Lancashire Police's Roads Policing Unit, said: "At 7.40pm on Thursday, August 18, a two vehicle collision occurred on the A570 Southport Rd, close to Scarisbrick.

"The collision involved a black Volkswagen Polo and a black BMW 3 series that were traveling in opposite directions. A nine-year-old male passenger in the Polo received serious head and neck injuries and was airlifted from the scene to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

"A 32-year-old female driving the BMW suffered serious internal injuries and is being treated at Aintree Hospital.

"I am appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision that has not already come forward to make contact with us, particularly if you may have seen the black Volkswagen Polo traveling away from Southport at this time.

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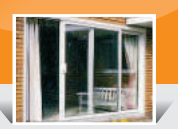

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Trust bosses want patients to manage their own home care

OLDER people living with long term health conditions in West Lancs are being encouraged to manage their conditions at home thanks to a new system being introduced by the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust.

The Trust has successfully won a license from NHS England to introduce a new innovative system that empowers people to manage their own health and well-being.

It will be one of a number of Trusts from across the country to use a 13 question assessment to assess the knowledge, skills and confidence people have in managing their own health.

This is a system that was developed and tested in the US with the aim of helping people to manage their health as a way of helping people lead better lives at a lower cost to the healthcare system.

Glyn Jones, Innovation Programme Manager at the Trust, said: "It's widely-recognised that people who feel in control, empowered and confident to take a lead role in their healthcare have better health outcomes.

The Trust is introducing this new system as a way of enhancing its person-centred care and is pleased that we've been successful in securing funding for this piece of work.

It's all about measuring people's confidence to ensure we're able to pitch training and support at the appropriate level.

"There is compelling evidence that people who recognise that they have a key role in self-managing their conditions and understand the impact they have on their own lives experience better health outcomes."

Glyn Jones, Innovation Programme Manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust

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'Essential' exercise to canvass voters is underway

RESIDENTS across West Lancs have been receiving important voter registration information.

A form asks people to check whether the information that appears on the electoral register for those living at their address is correct. Those who have yet to respond will receive a reminder form.

The exercise is part of the borough council's annual voter registration canvass. The aim of the form is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

The annual canvass is an opportunity for people to easily check whether they're registered. The council has said that "it's essential" for a healthy democracy that everyone who is entitled to vote is able to, and for those who need to, there is an online system of registration.

If people have changed address in the last year, they may need to register at their new address, so check the form as soon as it arrives.

If households do not respond to the form, further reminder letters will be issued, followed by a personal visit.

With Lancashire County Council Elections taking place in May 2017, this is an opportunity for residents to make sure they will be able to take part.

Being on the electoral roll also impacts on people's credit score as it provides valuable proof of their identity and address to lenders. If residents are not registered it can cause delays when they apply for credit, and some organisations may turn them down if they feel they cannot confirm who they are or where they live.

Kim Webber, Electoral Registration officer at West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "Anyone that wants to vote must be registered. To make sure you are able to have your say at the elections next year, simply check the form when it arrives and return it as promptly as possible.

"If you're not currently registered, we'll send you information explaining how to do this or you can just go online to apply to register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

"It's particularly important that anyone who has moved address recently looks out for the form and checks whether they are registered."

Kim Webber

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NHS community health services procurement – 'the facts'

FROM reading Mr Joseph Welsh's letter (August 17, 2016), there appears to be some misconceptions about the CCG and the procurement process.

This response, therefore, attempts to helpfully clarify our position and address the specific questions Mr Welsh asks me publicly.

As your local health commissioner, we have a responsibility to review all NHS services we commission. This includes when contracts come to an end as is the case here. The ongoing re-procurement of community health services in West Lancashire is therefore part of standard practice for any clinical commissioning group (CCG).

The CCG is currently talking to four bidders about delivering community health services and urgent care services from April 2017. Two of these organisations are independent – here it is important to note that national procurement legislation requires us to enable both NHS and independent providers to compete, and then be evaluated against the same set criteria. The CCG itself must adhere to stringent guidelines and legislation.

We still work closely with our local hospital which will continue to be a major part of local health services and will remain integral as we move towards achieving our vision for joined up care.

Our aim is to improve community and local walk-in and out of hour's services, helping to prevent avoidable acute hospital attendance, relieving pressure on such a vital resource. Any services commissioned will continue to be delivered as part of the NHS and will remain free at the point of contact as with any provision of NHS care.

In terms of points raised by Mr Welsh about me personally; my salary, which is unrelated to this process, covers my role of chair and my other clinical responsibilities I carry out for the CCG, which also considers time taken away from my GP practice (the figure quoted in Mr Welsh's letter was incorrect – salary is £109,000 as mentioned in our Annual Report).

In response to his specific questions, I am responsible for commissioning local healthcare within the set financial allocation received from the government each year. I am voted in by local GPs and this is reviewed every four years. The CCG is a public organisation, so like me; it is accountable to NHS England and local residents/stakeholders.

If anyone would like some more facts about this process, we would welcome their interest via myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk or 01695 588 000 or www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/community-health-services/

Dr John Caine,
Chair of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Council should start charging student landlords council tax

INSTEAD of the possibility of cutting further jobs and services, why don't West Lancashire Borough Council start charging student landlords council tax?

Every hard working person has to pay this, so why do the council seem to allow these people to get away with it?

Not only would this be a form of increased revenue for the council but maybe it will help first time buyers in the search for an affordable home in Ormskirk instead of them getting snapped up for students.

Also do we really need a Mayor? I wonder how much that costs the tax payer each year?

S. King
Ormskirk

Think about your neighbours

I WOULD like to ask people in Skelmersdale not to leave their dogs out in the garden barking.

I have a Labrador and if she starts barking I take her in.

It is most annoying when people just put their dogs out and leave them while they go about their business.

Please think about your neighbours and be a good neighbour.

You know who you are.

By email
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PICTURE of the week

Ormskirk is getting ready to wave the chequred flag for this Sunday's fifth MotorFest event.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

Who is the girl in the picture?

I took the photograph (right) at a bicentenary event in Ormskirk in 1986 and I found it recently when I was sorting through my belongings.

It is a really lovely photograph I took on the day – one of many – but I do not actually know the young lady in the picture. I am hoping that she, or someone who knows her, would like to have it?

I have left it at the Champion offices on Lord Street and hope it will be reunited with the young lady – who will be around 30 years older now!

Eric MacIntosh,
Southport

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It's a good idea to stop winter green waste collections

It is a good idea to stop winter green waste collections. It is not a good idea to charge £30 for a reduced service.

It is not a good idea to sell off our parks and open spaces, without our permission. They do not belong to the Council, they belong to us and the Council have a duty of care, paid for by the rates, to maintain them.

Every week the Champ reports another Council panacea, with seemingly nothing emerging as a positive innovation.

In any business, which the Council professes to be, the highest cost is the employees so to save money we should reduce the number of councillors. Easy Peasy.

Graham Walker,
UpHolland

OWL's views smack of hypocrisy... and a short memory!

I READ with interest how the leader of the protest group 'Our West Lancs' is complaining as to the length of time and dates being given over to the council's General Revenue Budget on proposed savings of £750,000.

The group's leader, Councillor Adrian Owens, suggests that the council does not want to hear the views of the public.

I think this smacks somewhat of hypocrisy and a short memory, when you think back, not too long ago, when he himself held the councils finance portfolio and the first the public knew about the 'golden handshake' of £340,000, paid to former chief exec Bill Taylor for his voluntary redundancy and the compulsory redundancy of 53 council employees along with the closure of front line services, was when it appeared on the front page of the Champion on July 20, 2011.

At the time Cllr Grant said the redundancies would affect about eight positions -they didn't and the Champion was right... it was 52 jobs that went.

This was when two managing directors jobs were created to facilitate the voluntary redundancy of Mr Taylor.

I suggest blatant cronyism. This move it was said at the time would save the council £165,000 a year.

Then, low and behold when Cllr Owens doesn't get the leadership of the Tory group, he starts to protest that we don't need two managing directors, that it isn't saving the council money after all.

He is also protesting that we have too many councilors. The question is why wasn't he protesting this when he was making 52 council workers redundant. Some of whom had to be re-employed after the failure of One Connect.

And let's not forget who were in charge in 2011, when WLBC signed the Contract with British Telecom's, One Connect, to run the council's front line services like ITC, Revenue and Benefits.

This failed partnership came to an end in 2014.

I think it would take a freedom of information request to find out at what cost.

Cllr. Owens is trying to make out that all these cuts to local services are solely the fault of the council when he knows full well it's as a result of local government funding being cut by the Conservative Central Government, which Cllr Owens would have been voting wholeheartedly for if he had not failed in his bid to become Tory MP for West Lancashire.

I would take Cllr Owens protestations and petitions against what after all are only proposals, with a large pinch of salt.

I would suggest the present administration are doing exactly what Cllr. Owens had to do but this administration are seeking ways to do it without the human misery of compulsory redundancies

H. Pennington
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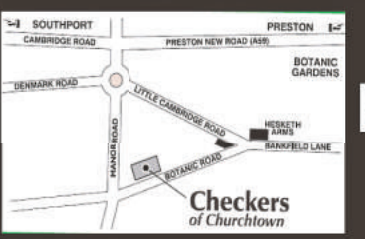

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Owen Edwards is set to pursue a media career

A Star student set for media career

A STRAIGHT-A student from Ormskirk is set for a budding career in media after gaining three top grades in his A-levels.

Media whizz kid, Owen Edwards, 18 achieved A*.A, A*in maths, film studies and history at Winstanley College in Wigan.

He filmed himself opening his results live on video-sharing website YouTube.

Owen was thrilled to get higher grades than he hoped for, securing his first choice university place in Film and Television Production at York University.

He has built a budding career in media alongside his studies at Winstanley College in Wigan.

At college, he has been involved in directing, presenting and editing numerous videos – while he has gained work filming and editing varioispeople's wedding videos in his spare time.

The former Ormskirk School student is also a model building enthusiast and set up his own YouTube channel called 'Quick Kits' in 2014, which teaches others how build scale models using the time lapse techniques he learnt at college and has more than 10,000 subscribers.

Model manufacturer Airfix has even contacted Owen about the Quick Kits channel and he is now in the process of negotiating terms of sponsorship.

He said: "My two years at college have been fantastic and I have built up a solid portfolio of media work, which will help me with my future plans.

"I can't wait to move onto my next steps at York University."

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Move More wants more West Lancashire participants

'Move More' scheme aims to help cancer sufferers in borough

STAFF at a fitness programme and activity advice service which helps people living with and beyond cancer become more active, are looking for new members.

Move More helps people with a diagnosis of cancer to find effective ways to get and stay active, no matter where they are on their cancer journey, including those who have completed treatment.

Launched in Autumn 2015, it is a joint initiative between Macmillan Cancer Support, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

More than 60 people have used the service. The cancer specific classes take place on Mondays and Fridays from 1.15pm to 2.30pm and 2.30 to 3.45pm at Ormskirk Hospital.

One-to-one sessions also take place throughout the week.

Move More is run by Melanie Reardon, Macmillan physical activity manager, with Tim Horn, Macmillan physical activity physiotherapist and Ann Prescott, Macmillan physical activity assistant practitioner.

Melanie said: "We've had a really good response since launching Move More in September 2015.The service is designed to get people active to give them a better quality of life.

"Physical activity has lots of health benefits and also contributes to social and mental wellbeing. We'd love to see even more people at the sessions.

"We are also able to assess the needs of each individual and can often refer them to other services that could be of benefit."

Pauline Egan, from Skelmersdale, has been attending the fitness sessions since February.

She said: "Move More has been brilliant in increasing my fitness and in giving me more confidence. There is also the social side of things too. It's great to meet people and we like to catch-up each week."

If you live in West Lancashire, are affected by cancer, you can find out about "Move More" on 01695 656268 via email sohtr.odgh-physio@nhs.net or contact your GP.

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Martin Mere news

Three African Crowned Crane eggs have successfully hatched at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre. This is only the fourth that the Centre has successfully reared an African Crown Crane chick since the Centre was established in 1975.

The crane chicks can be viewed with their parents from the aviary in the Weird or Wonderful (WOW) exhibit at the centre. The adult cranes were paired together in 2014 and are showing all the signs of being good parents by feeding the chicks insects and a special diet that we supply them of grower pellets, wheat and meal worms. The centre will leave the chick to be parent-reared in the aviary where it is protected from predators.

Grounds Manager, Steve Nasir, said: "We are absolutely delighted that we have these three crowned crane chicks - . These two adults have only been together for two years and they raised one chick last September, showing that it really was love at first sight. The chicks are doing really well and will soon be going for their first paddle in the shallow water. Come along and see the chicks over the bank holiday weekend whilst you are also completing our GIANT LEGO® brick animal trail and our nature explorer passport."

African Crowned cranes are most notable for their stiff crown of gold feathers on the top of their head. They are about 1m (3.3 ft) tall and weighs 3.5 kg (7.7 lbs) with a wingspan of 2 m (6.5 ft). The chicks in contrast is orange in colour with lovely black markings on their back.

In other news at the centre, six barn owls have fledged from the nest and we are expecting a magpie goose gosling to hatch any day. The kingfishers are continuing to show well everyday at the Ron Barker hide and the reserve is expecting migrants to be passing through over the next month in anticipation for the return of the pink-footed geese.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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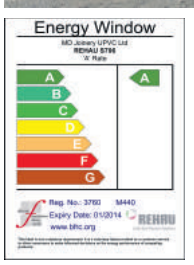

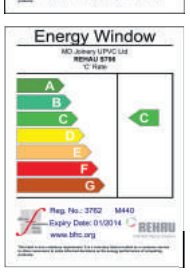

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Peter Kay pictured at The Swan chippy in Southport

Comic swans into chippy to surprise fans and staff

COMEDIAN Peter Kay was back in Southport last week... filming new episodes of his hit TV show Car Share.

And the Bolton funny man even had time to pop into a local chippy for dinner!

He was spotted by staff at the Swan Chip Shop on Stanley Street - a chippy frequented by many day trippers to the resort from West Lancs - with his Car Share co star Sian Gibson after taking a break from filming on Tuesday, August 16.

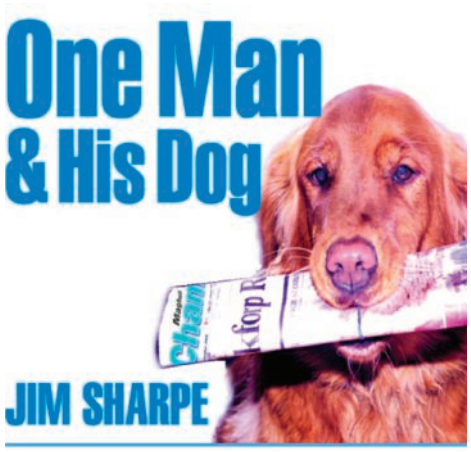
It's the second time Kay has been in Southport in recent months, having also shot some scenes for Car Share on Ainsdale Beach.

A spokesperson for the Swan Chippy told The Champion: "Peter had cod, chips and peas – he was eating with Sian Gibson, his fellow comedian and co star of Car Share

"His children were there too!"

Following the meal Peter was more than happy to pose for photos with fans and staff at the chip shop.

He is pictured (left) with Swan staff members Louise Wilkinson and Lesley Moran.



Children need to know where danger lurks

I'M wondering where all this recent fuss about dog licencing is coming from.

It wouldn't worry me particularly – though it would be yet another annoying thing to remember each year, and heaven knows who would be supposed to check up on it.

But, apart from vindictiveness on the part of those who really dislike being of the canine persuasion, what purpose would it serve?

As I understand the law, it is in any case an offence for your dog not to have an ID tag with the owner's phone number at least on it – so any dog should already be identifiable if it has committed a sin of one sort or another.

And since many pet dogs belong to elderly folk – often as their only companion – I'd bet a pound to a dog biscuit that pensioners' pooches would be exempt.

These days it is rare to find stray dogs wandering the streets – though when I was a boy there were quite a few, and that was in the days of dog licences.

Cats of course, can be a traffic hazard and, as I am told by keen gardeners, a menace.

Perhaps we should have cat licences too?

And what about caged birds, such as parrots?

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The 'elf and safety brigade really do have a lot to answer for.

No one would argue about the necessity of safety guards on machinery for instance, or the need to protect kiddies from the worst exposure to danger.

But excessive application of rules can have exactly the opposite long-term effect to that intended.

When I was a boy, our local playground had, for instance, proper big swings. Underneath there were ordinary paving slabs.

My friends and I each had his (or her) 'own' swing, and one feat we indulged in was to get our charges really going – and jump off at or about the high point of the swing. The one who landed furthest away, won.

Of course the dangers were either that you grazed your knees with a bad landing, or, if you were careless enough, the returning swig clouted you on the back of the head.

But it wasn't the odd bump or scrape that really worried you – you soon realised the danger and tried to avoid it – no, it was ripping your trousers.

Mum would have something to say about that – and it wouldn't be in a solicitor's letter to the council either!

But the thing was that you grew up with the knowledge that some things you encounter in life can be dangerous and painful.

These days it seems to me (and I was agreeably surprised when a paediatric nurse agreed with me) that we have youngsters growing up who have no fear of anything ever hurting them, because they were raised in a world where nothing ever could.

Now I don't expect many present day parents to agree with me on this.

But I would point out that many who are now of pensionable age grew up in this 'dangerous environment' and few of them, I think, were ever permanently damaged by it.

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Before joining Slimming World, many of the slimmers did very little, but after getting support to become more active, the West Lancashire slimmers and their Slimming World Consultants all managed to do the hour walk with big smiles on their faces.

The group also invited their friends and family members to join in. The event saw around 50 people take part and was aimed to raise awareness of how keeping a healthy weight can improve health, including reducing the risk of developing ten types of cancer, and raise vital funds for the CRUK.

The event was part of a wider national event running across all Slimming World groups in U.K. and Ireland and was not competitive, and those taking part could choose the distance they'd like to cover.

West Lancashire Team Developer Tina Whewell, says all the members thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Steps for SMILES. She says: "It was a fantastic event, everyone was so supportive of each other, just as they are whenever our groups gets together, and we saw young, old, male and female participants enter, all with a broad range of abilities and fitness levels. Entrants could run, walk, or skip – whatever they wanted – as long as they enjoyed it we didn't mind at all."

She continues: "I'm so pleased with how much we raised for the CRUK and I think the event showed people just how motivating being part of a Slimming World group can be. Many of my members wouldn't have dreamed of even wearing a pair of trainers before they lost weight, and now look at them! It's all thanks to the amazing support they give each other in group that has helped them to lose weight by eating more healthily and build their confidence and find more energy to move more each day. Now they're all fantastic role models to their friends and family.

Kim Wright, a member who has lost 4st 13.5lbs since January, says: "I took part in the event in memory of my nan. I used be so daunted just by the thought of exercise – I'd hated it since my school days. With Slimming World's Body Magic programme I learnt that the key is to start small and find something that you enjoy doing, and I've found that's the best way to keep active and lose weight at the same time as feeling absolutely fantastic. I now enjoy swimming, walking and cycling. What's important is that you do something almost every day. I definitely wouldn't have done something like this before I found Slimming World. Since losing weight though, I'm feeling much healthier, happier and more confident – I'm so proud of myself and I know my fellow group members, friends and family are too."

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Prior to joining Edge Hill, Professor Woodruffe-Burton contributed towards the success of Newcastle Business School, Lancaster, Salford and Cumbria Universities.

The Lancashire-born Professor said she is looking forward to driving Edge Hill up the rankings to be recognised as one of the best Business Schools in the country.

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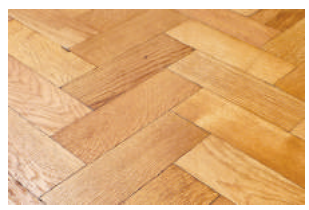

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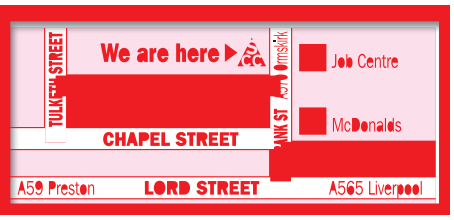

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Summer reading club for mini book lovers in West Lancashire

AVID young readers and their families can take part in a 'reading journey' at libraries across the area this Saturday (27 August).

The Lancashire Reading Journey Celebration Events for children aged four to 11 and their families will be held at libraries and museums across the county, when children will be able to have their photograph taken with one of the colourful cut-out characters that have featured in this year's Reading Journey.

Burscough Library will host a Dream Fairies themed event from 9.30am to 12.30pm while Tarleton Library staff will focus on the Word Sucking Vampire at their event from 9.30am to 1pm.

The Reading Journey runs until Saturday 24 September this year and is organised by Lancashire County Council.

It is free to take part and aims to keep children reading throughout the summer holidays. Joining in is simple, children just need to visit their local library and complete eight tasks over the summer, including reading books of their choice, visiting museums and taking part in activities.

Journey

On joining the Journey, children will receive a card listing 25 different activities.

To complete the quest they choose and take part in their favourite eight. This Journey Card will need to be taken when completing a task at a museum, so that it can be stamped.

After completing four tasks, children will be rewarded with a pencil and after completing all eight tasks they will receive a certificate and a pin badge.

Any books can be read, including factual, fiction, poetry, and books of jokes or picture books, stories on CD, e-books and audio downloads.

A free family visit to a Lancashire County Council museum for one child and two adults will be awarded to every child that takes part in the Journey.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone

Report by **Henry James**

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "The event is a fun way to keep children interested in the Reading Journey. It gives them an incentive to carry on, and rewards their participation so far.

"The important angle to this though is that it encourages children to keep reading and learning throughout their summer holidays."

For more information about the Lancashire Reading Journey visit your local library.

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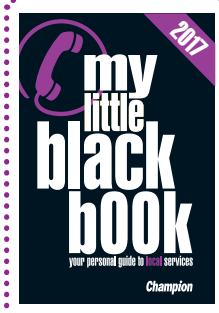

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Youngsters head to Brussels for EU debate

The conference's patron Queen Mathilde of Belgium with young people at the event

YOUNG people from Lancashire have shared their views on why Europe needs to invest in children at a conference in Brussels.

The Eurochild 'Children's Rights Matter: Why Europe needs to invest in children's three-day conference, hosted at the Palace of Academies recently, was attended by over 270 participants including policy makers, professionals working with children and politicians. There were 60 children and young people from 34 different countries at the event.

Delegates representing the UK included four young people from Lancashire. Their attendance at the event was supported by a partnership between Lancashire County Council's Wellbeing, Prevention Early Help Young People's Service, UCLan and children's charity Barnardo's.

The conference focused on making sure that the rights of children and young people in areas including education, health promotion, participation and protection are safeguarded. Child poverty, children affected by migration and children in alternative care were among the main subjects on the agenda.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I really feel that events like this are both valuable and important.

"Realising children's rights are the foundation of a resilient society. Getting not only policymakers and professionals, but also children and young people together to create solutions is a very sensible way to tackle issues. Well done to the four young people from Lancashire who went to the conference to have their say on these issues.

Nominations are still being taken for inspiring North West award

Report by **Henry James**

NOMINATIONS are still being taken to put forward the most inspiring people in the North West's deaf and deaf blind community for a coveted award.

West Lancs residents can nominate someone who inspires them for awards which celebrate people across the UK who are involved in providing a positive impact on the lives of some of the 11 million deaf and hard of hearing people living in the country.

A leading provider of British Sign Language (BSL) and other deaf and deaf blind qualifications in the UK, Signature, has announced that nominations for its eighth Signature Annual Awards have been extended to Friday 2 September.

Signature executive director Lindsay Foster said: "We are overwhelmed every year by the amazing stories that are uncovered through our awards and it gives us great pleasure in being able to celebrate the great work that is being done to help improve the lives of deaf people.

Education

"This year, the Signature Annual Awards will focus on 'educators', including new and experienced teachers of British Sign Language and teachers of the deaf, groups or individuals in the local community who create exciting learning opportunities for deaf and hearing impaired people, and business people who are improving customer service for deaf and deafblind people through staff training.

"We would like to ask as many people and organisations as possible to nominate so that we can celebrate those who dedicate their time to the increasingly important issue of improving communication between the growing deaf community and their hearing peers."

Each year the Signature Annual Awards recognise people and organisations working with deaf people across the nation, and the search is now underway across the North West to find nominees who have made an outstanding contribution to the deaf and deafblind community.

All nominees will receive a complimentary ticket to the awards, which will be held in January 2017 at Prospero House in London.

The awards are free to enter. For more information, visit signatureannualawards.org.uk

Man charged after allegedly burgling neighbour's house

A 51 year old man has been charged with burgling one of his neighbour's homes earlier this year.

Anthony Ward from Trevor Road in Burscough has been charged with burgling another property on Trevor Road overnight between Wednesday July 20 and Thursday July 21.

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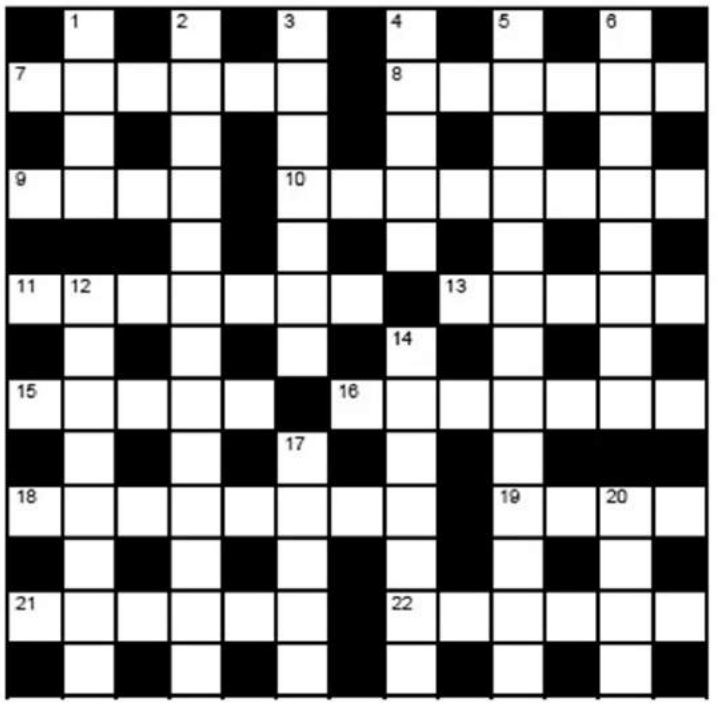

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Down: 1 Strata. 2 Worn. 3 Telling. 4 Jaunt. 5 Boil down. 6 Injure. 12 Lavender. 14 Big shot. 16 Office. 18 Metier. 19 Civet. 21 Sate.

ACROSS

7 Untidy, disorganized (6)
8 Disease caused by lack of vitamin C (6)
9 Stylish and elegantly fashionable (4)
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13 Related to the kidneys (5)
15 Smooth, polished (5)
16 Californian redwood tree (7)
18 Relating to the cultivation of the land (8)
19 Run at moderate pace with short steps (4)
21 The point or place where something begins or is derived (6)
22 Force that results in rotation (6)

DOWN

1 Informal term for a party or social event (4)
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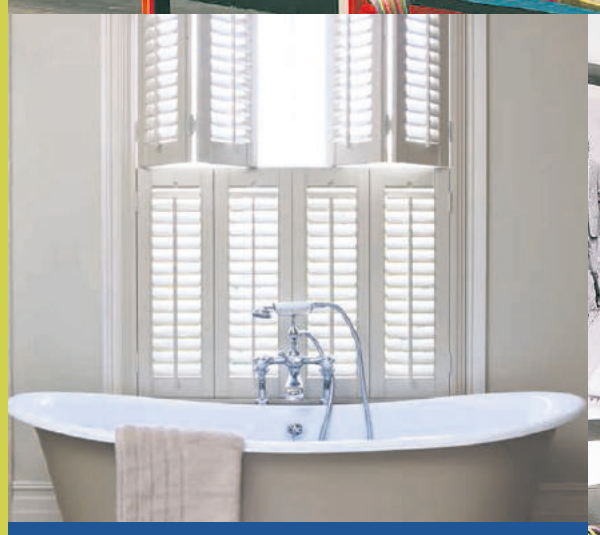

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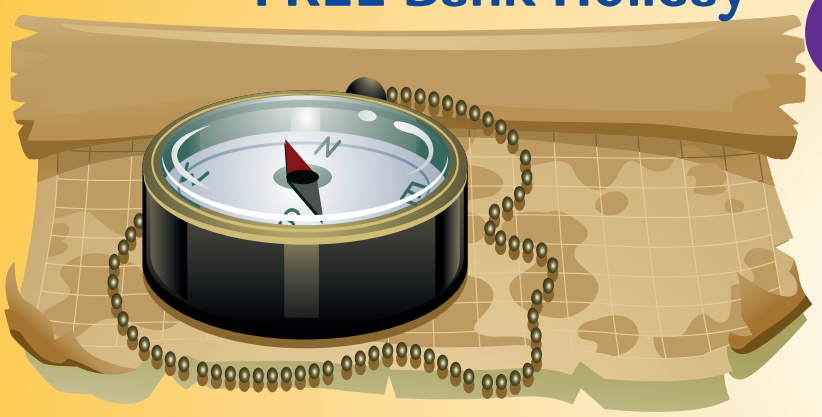

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Champ team take on charity challenge

A TEAM of runners from the Champion Newspaper group are preparing to tackle the Southport Natterjack Seaside 10k run in honour of their cancer fighting colleague.

The group of 19 members of staff from the sales, editorial, production and accounting team at the Champion will take on the gruelling challenge on September 25 to raise vital funds for the Royal & Broadgreen hospitals in Liverpool – who helped to save the life of one of their colleagues, Steve Gainford.

Steve, 54, is currently recovering from prostate cancer and will himself take part in the run, which he hopes will raise £1,500 for the R-Charity.

R Charity is currently raising £10 million for the New Royal Liverpool Hospital to deliver world class technologies and cutting-edge research. Therefore ensuring earlier and more accurate diagnosis of illnesses whilst also providing outstanding patient environments.

Speaking to the Champion, Steve said: "I found out five years ago that i had prostate cancer – I went for some tests and then had to have a biopsy because of what my tests showed.

"The doctors decided to monitor the levels of cancer in my prostate and because they kept fluctuating, the decision was made for me to have an operation in March of this year.

"I was booked in for the op on March 8 and I was well looked after – when I went back for my results they said they were 75% certain they had it all but because the tumour had broken through the prostate wall they can't say more than that.

"It's not possible to sum up how happy and humbled I feel that the team at the Champ have come together to do this run and get as much money as possible for the R Charity.

"£1,500 is the target we would like to raise."

This year is the 12th anniversary of the Natterjack Seaside 10K.

When Natterjack Running took over the organisation of the race the distance was adjusted to the more popular 10km.

To donate to the Champ team or for more information about R charity you can visit ustgiving.com/fundraising/championnewspapers4stevieg

The Champion team ready to run 10k to honour Steve Gainford's fight against cancer

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JOIN IN THE NATTERJACK SEASIDE 10K RUN

Now in its 12th year, the Natterjack Seaside 10k annual race, is taking place on 25th September 2016.

It's scenic route around Southport's Marine Lake and Promenade has been growing in popularity. 2015 saw over 900 runners take part and this year's race promises to be even better so now is your chance to get involved.

The Natterjack Seaside 10k race is for runners of all abilities as the route path is flat and makes for fast running. So whether you are competing with the aim of smashing your personal best or simply taking part to see how far you can run and raise some money for charity, a great atmosphere and fun are guaranteed.

If 10k is a little daunting, why not try the 2k fun run that is also taking place on the day. Training is something you may want to consider and the Natterjack Seaside website (www.natterjackseaside10k.com) has a weekly running plan, along with tips and hints to help you get in to shape in the run up to the race. The plan is an effective way of being able to run well on the day without it ever being daunting.

It is so simple to enter, just go to the website and register. Your race pack will be sent to you about ten days before the big day and will include your race number and info.

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You can also opt to run for this year's Natterjack chosen charity which is Galloway's Society For The Blind - again more details can be found on the website. With entry fees starting from as little as £9 for the 2k race (£6 for children) there really is no excuse not to join in the fun on this fantastic day which has become such a popular event.

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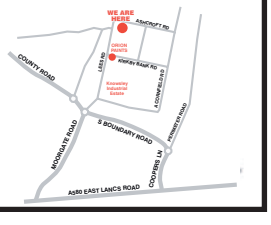

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Maxine Peake to star in Tennessee Williams' classic

Royal Exchange to celebrate its 40th anniversary

Maxine Peake

MAXINE Peake opens the Royal Exchange's 40th anniversary season with her portrayal of iconic female protagonist Blanche DuBois in Tennessee Williams' 1947 Pulitzer Prize winning masterpiece A Street Car Named Desire.

This production sees Exchange artistic director Sarah Frankcom and long-term collaborator Peake join forces once again to tackle one of modern dramas greatest plays. The production opens at the Royal Exchange on September 8 and runs until October 15 .

In the New Orleans house of Stanley and Stella Kowalski, a visitor arrives. Debt has sunk the family home in Mississippi and Stella's fragile sister Blanche is coming to stay. As the summer heat floats up from the sidewalk and the liquor gets poured, Blanche invades her sister's marriage and ignites a dark and violent conflict with the brooding and bullish Stanley.

Maxine Peake is an associate artist at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester. Most recently she played the title role in The Skriker (co-commission with MIF15) and her portrayal of Hamlet in 2013 was a huge critical success, other credits for the Exchange include The Children's Hour and Miss Julie.

Her outstanding performance of The Masque Of Anarchy was directed by Sarah Frankcom for MIF13. Other theatre credits include The Cherry Orchard, The Relapse and Luther (The National Theatre) and Mother Theresa IS Dead (Royal Court).

RADA-trained Maxine Peake has had a prolific run of top quality television dramas in recent years including BAFTA nominated Silk, The Village, Room At The Top, Hancock & Joan, The Street and Shameless. She can be seen this spring as Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream adapted by Russell T. Davies for the BBC as part of the Shakespeare 400 celebrations. Her film credits include Theory Of Everything and Carol Morley's The Falling.

Sarah Frankcom joined the Royal Exchange as literary manager, she became sole artistic director in 2014.

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Take a trip with group as they present musical Our Day Out

FROM Wednesday, August 31 to Saturday, September 3 including a Saturday matinee, the Southport Dramatic Club Youth Theatre are presenting the musical version of Willy Russell's classic comedy, Our Day Out, directed by Deborah Bloom.

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The Progress class of pupils in an inner city Liverpool school are taken on a coach trip to Alton Towers by their teacher, Mrs. Kay. The fun begins when another teacher, Mr. Briggs, decides to accompany them. Mr. Briggs is a strict disciplinarian but handling these children isn't easy and they start to misbehave the minute the coach leaves.

Dagga is played by Matt Higginson, who starred as Romeo in Romeo & Juliet for the company last season, and Chantel Gregory is Taylor.

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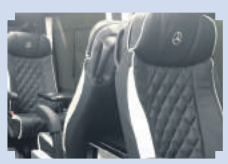

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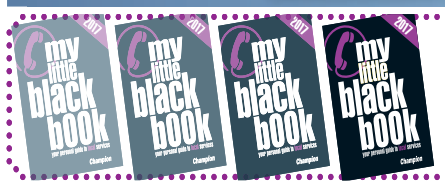

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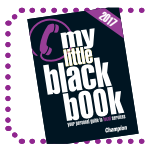

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MAX CARLYLE

Happy 18th Birthday

22nd August

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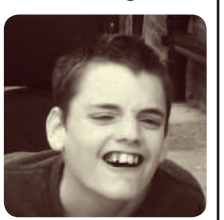
LUIS GRANT

Happy birthday

31st August



Can't believe you are 20 today, lots of love Mum, John, Nan , Craig, Jake and Katy xxx

MARTHA CARLYLE-NEVE

Happy 18th

Well done on your place at university too!

22nd August

Lots of love from Grandma, Mum and Dad, Eve, Alastair, Miles and all your family and friends xx

Announcements

DEATHS

WOOD DAVID

Dad, God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you, and whispered come to me.
Rest in peace.

I'm going to be lost without you Dad, going to miss you so much.
Love you always, Lynne xx

WOOD DAVID

Fly High Grandad, you're with the angels now. We will treasure your memories. You're never forgotten. You are the true character.

Love you all the world.

You were our rock, our best friend and our hero. Love Layla and Rhea xx

WOOD DAVID

Sunshine fades, shadow falls, but sweet rememberance, outlasts all.

Reunited with our loving son.
Broken Hearted Wife Elsie x

WOOD DAVID

To the best Grandad in the world, we will always miss you. Treasure your memories.
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DEATHS

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Died August 17th 2016
Aged 80 years

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You were a great Dad and a wonderful loving Grandad. You will be sadly missed by all your family and friends.

Reunited with our Geoff and Maggo. Hope you are all laughing together.

Always in our thoughts.
Lots of love Carl, Annika, and Michael xxx

WOOD DAVID

17th August 2016
Aged 80 years

Beloved Husband of Elsie, loving Dad to Geoffrey (deceased), Lynne and Carl.
Grandad and Great Grandad.

Funeral service on Thursday 25th August 10.00am at St Helens Crematorium.

Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services 01695 731199

WHEATLEY ETHEL

11th August 2016
Aged 84 years

Died peacefully at home with her family by her side. Devoted Wife of the late William, loving Mother of David Wheatley, much loved Grandmother of Paul and Sharon. Ethel will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at St Simon & St. Jude With All Souls Parish Church on Thursday 25th August at 11:00am followed by interment at Manchester Southern Cemetery. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

BIRCHALL WAYNE

17th August 2016
Peacefully in hospital, aged 57 years

Loving Husband of Julie, devoted Dad of Colin, Laura and Gregg, cherished Grandad of Oscar, Lilly, Dylan and Lloyd. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Alzheimers Society. Funeral details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

MERRICK NORA

Sad loss of Nora, on 17/08/16 Aged 86

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The service to be held Tuesday 30th August 2016 at 2.30pm at West Lancs Crematorium (Pippin Street) Family flowers only. Donations to Alzheimer's Society.

HOLMAN JAMES BRANDWOOD (Jim)

August 16th 2016
Aged 78 years

Devoted Husband of Pam, loving Dad to James and Sandra and Karen and Gary, the best Grandad to Joe and Tom. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 26th August at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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MOON JOHN STUART

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i have suffered since i lost you,
life has never been the same.
In my heart your memory lingers, sweetly tender,fond and true.
There is not a day,dear John, that i do not think of you.

Loved and remembered always
Loving Wife Jean
xxxx

Gone is the face we love so dear,
silent is the face we loved to hear,
too far away for sight or speech,
but not too far for thought to reach,
sweet to remember him once here,
who, though absent,is just as dear.

Loved and missed so much
Daughter Deborah
Grandchildren Jasmine and Elliott
xxxx

MARTIN JOSEPH EDWARD

18th August 2015

Dearly missed one year on,
The tears in our eyes,
We can wipe away,
But the ache in our heart,
Will always stay.

We all miss you so much.
Love Muriel and family
xxx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DAVIES JOHN

(Stan)
19th July 2016

Audrey and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their attendance to celebrate Stans life. For caring and support from all staff at Queenscourt Hospice, Southport. Also generous donations given to the hospice. Thank you to Margaret, Lisa and Sally at MLS Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane.

BAGOT RENEE LOUISE

Maureen and Robert thank friends and family for their kind messages and support.

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NOVENA TO SACRED HEART

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P.P

Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days and publish when prayers are answered.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

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M.A

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LEES LANE, ROBY MILL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Lees Lane, Roby Mill from its junction with Appley Lane South for approx. 600 meters west, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1600 hours on Sunday 4th September 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Lees Lane – Hillock Lane – Higher Lane – Beacon Lane – Mill Lane – A577 Dingle Road – College Road - Stoney Brow – Roby Mill – Bank Brow and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White,
Network Regulation Manager,
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/3841/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARBOLD STREET FESTIVAL EVENT, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") have made an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over the full length of road, unless otherwise stated, in Parbold, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out below.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be: Tan House Lane – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the Parbold Street Festival.

The prohibition will be operative from 1100 hours on 03rd September until 1900 hours on Sunday 04th September 2016, or sooner if the event finishes earlier.

Michael White,
Network Regulation Manager,
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/3858/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0801/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of an industrial unit to be used for B8 use - Storage and distribution centre, along with associated external works at Denholme Distribution Services Ltd, Stopgate Lane, Simonswood.

Application No: 2016/0842/FUL New access road to the proposed Phase 2 development at Red Apple Nursery, Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0823/FUL Erection of timber post and rail fence at Eastern Lock Of Pair On Northern By-pass Channe, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wrightington.

Application No: 2016/0830/FUL Variation of Condition Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13 and 17 imposed on planning permission 2014/0907/FUL to allow commencement of development without immediate demolition of the barn at 52 Church Road, Tarleton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 24th August 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration — PDNOT912

August Bank Holiday
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCARTH HILL LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)(REVOCATION AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1) Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (West Lancs Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to:
(a) Item (163) of Schedule 10.01
(b) Items (2)a)(ii), (2)(b) and (2)(c)(i) and (2)(c)(ii)
of that Order.
2) Introduce a Prohibition of Waiting on the following lengths of Scarth Hill Lane:
a) The north west side:
(i) From a point 39 metres south of the Centreline of Ruff Lane, in a southerly then south westerly direction to a point 195 metres south west of the Centreline of Ruff Lane.
(ii) From a point 215 metres south west of the Centreline of Ruff Lane in a south westerly direction to a point 325 metres south west of the Centreline of Ruff Lane.
(iii) From a point 341 metres south west of the Centreline of Ruff Lane in a south westerly direction to a point 9.6 metres north east of the Centreline of A570 St Helens Road.
b) The south east side:
(i) From a point 115 metres south west of the Centreline of Ruff Lane, in a south westerly direction to a point 26 metres north east of the Centreline of A570 St Helens Road.
(ii) From a point 12.5 metres north east of the Centreline of A570 St Helens Road in a south westerly direction to a point 9.5 metres north east of the Centreline of A570 St Helens Road.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of the Joint Managing Directors, West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF and at the offices of The Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\894.2764\DJ** before the 22nd September 2016.

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
24th August 2016

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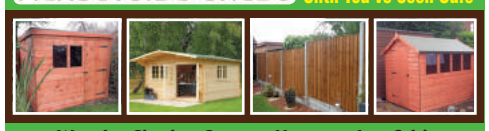

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The souped up supermarket chariot in question was the first iteration of the MINI Cooper's more aggressive sibling, which I spent a couple of hours at the helm of last week.

The MINI Cooper S John Cooper Works GP has the name, spec and credentials to really get dyed-in-the-wool driving fanatics frothing at the mouth - but in the real world it's a deeply frustrating set of wheels. It's hard not to get addicted to the instant whallop of the supercharger – unlike a turbo, the power's always there the second you need it – and the steering is pin-sharp and effortlessly talkative. It is huge fun to drive.

But you get all that with a regular MINI Cooper S anyway – and without the big sacrifices the GP asks you to make.

I'll forgive the ride being harder than Bear Grylls, but glance in the rear-view mirror and where the back seats should be is a single strut brace, literally pulling the two sides of the car together to make it tauter.

It makes it childishly good fun on a track day, but in the real world having a two-seater hatchback is a pointless as our imaginary house full of scaffolding.

The same goes for the old Renault Megane R26R too, which eschews back seats for a roll cage. Brilliant at Brands Hatch, but no so great for giving your mates a lift.

Then there's the Abarth 695 Tributo Ferrari, which did have back seats but was a still essentially a £30,000 Fiat 500.

All of these cars have one problem; the Toyota GT86, which is far more fun for less money.

I love hot hatches because they give normal people the chance to embarrass sports cars while doing the school run – a Golf GTI has all the fun and feistiness you could ever ask for, and it has five doors, lots of seats, a big boot and a sensible starting price.

Stripping out seats and asking silly money is why extreme hatchbacks, for all their Nurburgring lap times, don't work in the real world.

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David Simister is features editor of Classic Car Weekly.

David reckons the Ford Fiesta ST is the best hot hatch on offer at the moment

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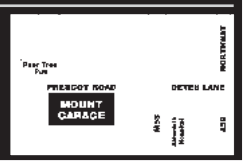

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Linnets taste victory in FA Cup

Parkgate 1
Burscough 4

BURSCOUGH picked up their first win of the season in the Preliminary Round of the FA Cup.

The Linnets, who are without a win in their opening two games in the league, will face Maine Road at home in the next round.

Elliot Nevitt opened the scoring on 34 minutes and the Linnets went 2-0 ahead five minutes later when Jake Townsend struck home.

Parkgate clawed one back on 52 minutes when Lebrun Mbeka reduced the deficit to 2-1.

Nevitt grabbed his second goal to restore Burscough's two goal advantage on 69 minutes to cap off a man of the match winning display.

The Linnets capped off the win with a fourth goal on 77 minutes through Dennis Sherriff.

Burscough will hope to pick up their first league win of the season this Friday (August 26) when they travel to Ramsbottom Town.

They are then at home to Prescot Cables on Monday, August 29 at 3pm.

Skem lose after Lowe gives them early lead

Mickleover Sports 3
Skelmersdale United 1

SKELMERSDALE are still without a win this season after throwing away an early lead, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Benito Lowe slotted home with the inside of his foot from about six yards after three minutes to put them ahead.

The hosts levelled on 18 minutes through Brodie Litchfield with an effort with Martin Fearon getting a hand to the shot, but being unable to divert it away.

The game became scrappy with the wind not helping any efforts to play football.

Lowe was doing a good job in the Skem midfield, with the wind at his back he had an ambitious shot from the halfway line that was kept out by home goalkeeper Lewis King.

The game changed in the 43rd minute when Mickleover won a free-kick about 25 yards from goal, and Baskerville pitched the kick right in front of Fearon and it went into the net.

The home side sealed the match on 56 minutes when a long ball over the top went to Baskerville who squared it to Litchfield andthe striker had a simple task to score.

Skelmersdale could not break Mickleover down and with the one opportunity they had, Almond put Callum Mahoney in on goal, but King pulled off a superb diving save.

After the match Tommy Lawson said: "I was disappointed with the performance and I know the players were too, it is unusual to say, but I cannot think of one player that did himself real justice today. We had a little chat after the match, the players know they have to do better and I am sure they will."

Skelmersdale were due to host Coalville Town last night (Tuesday) before travelling to Stafford Rangers on Saturday.

They have an away game at Ashton United on Monday, August 29 at 3pm.

Two tough games ahead

SKELMERSDALE United face two tough Bank Holiday weekend fixtures.

The first game will see them travel to Stafford Rangers on Saturday, August 27 and then to Ashton United on Monday, August 29, both games kicking off at 3pm.

Both opponents are expected to be among the top teams in the Evo-Stik Premier Division table.

Stafford won Division One South of the Evo-Stik last season but are known as one of the big names of non-league football having won the FA Trophy at Wembley more than once.

Monday's trip to Ashton is a little daunting as Skelmersdale have not won there for a long time.

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Ormskirk draw in topsy turvy thriller

ORMSKIRK are in fourth place in the Liverpool & District Competition Premier Division table after a thrilling draw at New Brighton on Saturday.

Ormskirk declared on 171-8 after 30 overs with Ian Robinson (51) and George Lavelle (44) in form with the bat, whilst Upal Fernando finished with 3-91.

Ormskirk then had the defending champions at 43-5 but New Brighton then recovered to almost clinch victory themselves, ending just two runs short on 170-7 as the game ended in a draw with John White (57) and Khurram Hussain (53) top scoring, whileformer Lancashire seamer Gavin Griffiths took 4-31.

Northern had their lead at the top of the cut to eight points after the leaders drew at Lytham.

In a rain shortened games the leaders elected to bat and managed to put 190-6 dec up on the board in just 31.1 overs with Stephen Lucas (72) and Stephen Cole (64) scoring the bulk of the runs, while Jack Saunders took 3-14 with the ball. In reply Lytham had 51 overs to chase down their target but fell four runs short on 187-8, with Gary Knight (79) and skipper Dom O'Brien (56) in good touch with the bat.

Formby moved up to third place with a 56 run home win over Colwyn Bay.

The hosts declared after 36.1 overs on 192-4, with Dane Williams (58) and Tym Crawford (49) top scoring. In reply, Gary Keedy put the visitors in a spin with 7-50 as the Welshmen were dismissed for 136.

This weekend's local fixtures (noon start): Formby v Rainford and Ormskirk v Northern.

Hughes hits his second senior century as Burscough secure draw with leaders Ainsdale

BURSCOUGH drew with leaders Ainsdale in the the Liverpool & District Competition First Division.

Burscough opening pair Michael Bimpson (34) and Ryan Hughes who hit his second senior century (100*) were the mainstays of innings as they finally declared after 57.4 overs on 191-5.

In reply, the hosts had just 20 overs in which to reach 192 for victory and not surprisingly ended well short on 131-7, with Sam Lucas (36) and Connor Windell (35) top scoring, whilst Hughes ended a fine personal day with 5-40.

Maghull had to settle for five points as their First Division match on Saturday was rained off and they are curently in eleventh place in the division.

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City top table after Daley scores hat-trick at Stockport

City of Liverpool 4
Stockport Town 2

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Smith added a fourth from a penalty before Town grabbed a consolation goal.

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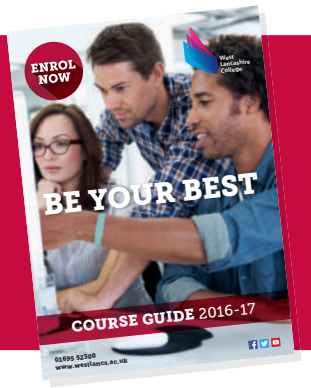

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Louise Baker wanted to progress her career in Law and made a great choice by studying an Access course at West Lancashire College, funded by an Advanced Learner Loan.

Louise said "Having worked for a legal firm I wanted to further my career prospects in the Law sector. The Access course has provided me with the level 3 qualification required to progress onto a degree.

It's a great course if you know you want to go to university to further your career but need help to get there. I paid for the course using an Advanced Learner Loan. The loan process is really simple and it's written off when I complete my degree.

I have really enjoyed the course, it's hard work, but I have received lots of support and encouragement.

Louise Baker

The Access course has provided me with the chance to study for my Legal Practice Course (LPC) in the future and with five conditional offers to study Law at University this September I can truly say this is one of the best decisions I have ever made."

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